

## Charles Lindbergh Newspaper Clippings

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### Biographical Note:

Charles Augustus Lindbergh was born on February 4, 1902 in Detroit Michigan. His parents were Charles August Lindbergh and Evangeline Lodge Lindbergh. He spent most of his childhood on the family farm near Little Falls, Minnesota where he was drawn to aviation after hearing a plane fly over his house. After completing high school in 1918 Lindbergh enrolled at the University of Wisconsin in 1920 where he studied engineering for two years. In 1922 Lindbergh decided to enroll in a Lincoln Nebraska flight school, a year later he purchased a surplus Jenny and set out on a solo flight barnstorming around country. In 1924 Lindbergh entered US Army flight school, graduating at the top of his class a year later. He became the first US air mail pilot on the Chicago to St. Louis route.

While in St. Louis and looking for another challenge Lindbergh convinced a group of businessmen to back him in his attempt to win the \$25,000 Orteig prize for flying non-stop across the Atlantic. On May 20, 1927 Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in New York headed for Paris. Thirty-three hours later he landed in Le Bourget field near Paris. Overnight he became a hero awarded numerous awards from many countries and was sent on an 82 city goodwill tour. On a trip to Mexico as a goodwill ambassador for the US government he met Anne Spencer Morrow daughter of the American ambassador. On May 27<sup>th</sup> 1929 they were married in New Jersey. Tragedy struck in 1932 when their son Charles was kidnapped from their home. After the sensationalism surrounding the loss of their child the Lindberghs left for England later moving to France.

Later in his life he became heavily involved in conservation and the environment. He campaigned to protect endangered species like the humpback and blue whales, and supported the establishment of national parks. He died at his home in Maui on August 26, 1974.

#### *Source:*

Lindbergh Foundation. "Charles A. Lindbergh Biography." 2009-2010. Lindbergh Foundation Web site. 11 September 2012 <<http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/docs/index.php/lindbergh-history/charles-lindbergh>>.

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## Scope and Content:

Collection contains newspaper clippings about Charles Lindbergh including his historic flight across the Atlantic in 1927, his marriage to Anne Morrow, death in 1974 and a celebration of the anniversary of his flight in 1977. Articles included come from a variety of newspapers including the Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Inquirer Evening Bulletin, Indianapolis Star, and the St. Petersburg Times.

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## Collection Inventory Folder and Item Listing:

### Folder 1. Charles Lindbergh News Clipping

#### Date

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| 5-22-1927   | Front page of the Philadelphia Inquirer announcing Lindbergh's landing in Paris. 1 pg   |
| [6-11-1927] | Article containing President Coolidge's address of welcome to Charles Lindbergh. 1 pg   |
| [6-11-1927] | Article discussing the size of the Lindbergh crowd in Washington D.C. and events surrounding his arrival. Also included are pictures of Lindbergh and the ticker-tape parade held in his honor in New York City. 1 pg |
| No Date     | Photographs of Lindbergh and his mother, his arrival from Europe and the crowds gathered to see him at the Washington Monument. 1pg   |
| 6-12-1927   | Philadelphia Inquirer articles about Lindbergh's arrival, an article written by Charles Lindbergh, and three full pages of photographs documenting his arrival to Washington D.C. 5pgs                                |
| [6-13-1927] | Photographs of Lindbergh and a letter to the Editor from Philadelphia's mayor in the Philadelphia Inquirer. 1 pg  |
| 6-13-1927   | Philadelphia Inquirer evening Bulletin front page with articles about Lindbergh's visit to Philadelphia and his departure for New York City. 1pg.   |
| 6-14-1927   | Philadelphia Inquirer articles about Lindbergh's arrival in New York City, an article by Lindbergh, and photographs of Lindbergh's arrival and the ticker-tape parade held in his honor. 3pgs.                        |
| [2-13-1929] | Article announcing engagement of Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow. 1 pg  |
| [2-13-1929] | Article about Anne Morrow and her background, family and education. 1 pg  |
| 6-2-1929    | Photomontage of Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow with information about the couple on the back. 1pg  |

8-27-1974	Front page of the Indianapolis Star with articles about Charles Lindbergh's death. 4pgs.
8-27-1974	Front page of St. Petersburg Times about the death of Charles Lindbergh. 2pgs.
5-8-1977	Article in the Indianapolis Star recalling the anniversary of Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic. 1pg.

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